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**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.****Plague at Manila.**

Passed Asst. Surg. Heiser, chief quarantine officer and director of health for the Philippine Islands, reports: During the week ended October 5, 1912, there were reported at Manila 3 cases of plague with 1 death, during the week ended October 12, 1 case and 2 deaths and during the week ended October 19, 1912, 1 case with 1 death.

During the week ended October 12, 1912, a case of plague was found in a house located at the corner of Principe and Muelle dela Industria Streets. This address is very close to the river water front and in an entirely different section of the city from any of the cases which have heretofore been reported. The patient was taken to the San Lazaro Hospital, and died 24 hours after admission. He was a barber, and the house in which he worked was a large combination tenement and store block, and with the exception of the division which he occupied the building was practically vacant. There was plenty of evidence that the entire house was badly rat infested, and dead rats, from the badly decomposed to the skeleton stage, were found therein. In opening the hollow walls in the part occupied by the patient dead rats and nests of young rats were found. All of these were forwarded to the laboratory, but were reported negative for plague. Rat proofing and an active rat catching campaign has been started in the neighborhood. The quarantine service is cooperating by fumigation of all of the river craft that berth in that vicinity.

Rats are now being caught in Manila at the rate of approximately 9,000 per month, but so far the percentage of infected rats found is the very low figure of 0.005 per cent. So far no infected rats have been found either in the infected house or in this newly stricken district.

Total number of cases and deaths to date, 12. Last case October 11, 1912.

**PORTO RICO.****Plague Situation.**

Surg. Creel reports:

*Rats examined Nov. 2 to 9, 1912.*

Place.	Rats examined.	Rats found infected.
All Porto Rico.....	1,683	.....
San Juan municipality:		
San Juan.....	59	.....
Puerta de Tierra.....	30	.....
Santurce.....	154	.....

A summary of the plague situation to November 9, 1912, including human and rodent cases reported or discovered, was as follows: Rats examined, 27,498; rats found infected, 64; human cases, 56; deaths, 36.